Grant highlights a career-long pursuit

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Dr. Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, assistant professor of sociology at Utah State University, has recently been named a Career Enhancement Fellow by the Institute for Citizens and Scholars. The institute will provide Marquez-Velarde with a work stipend that will allow her to research full-time for a whole year.

“I was very excited when I found out I got the fellowship. It was a very long interview process and I had been aiming to apply since the start of my career, so I am excited to be in the company of so many great scholars,” said Marquez-Velarde.

Marquez-Velarde will be studying health disparities in relation to mental health and how different social interactions affect the mental health of transgender people. She will be using the United States Transgender Survey to find data on different aspects of these interactions and their consequences on the mental health of transgender people.